

Minutes of March 14, 2011

The Board met with the Finance Committee to review FY 12 budgets. The Finance Committee advised the Board that it would prefer to see wage increases be the result of merit than the present system of a percentage increase across the board. The Finance Committee suggested that serious thought be given to establishing such a system and assign people to conduct job performances. The Board advised it will look into the matter.

The Finance Committee advised that they still needed to review the Police Salaries Budget and would like to meet with the Police Chief as soon as possible. The Board will setup a work meeting for next Monday evening at 5:30PM with both the Police Chief and Finance Committee.

The regular meeting was opened at 6:30 PM; all members were present.

The meeting minutes of February 14th were approved as amended.

The meeting minutes of February 28th were approved as prepared.

The Board reviewed and signed a letter authorizing the New Marlborough Historical Society to seek, accept and administer a grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the purpose of repairing and protecting the historical section of the New Marlborough Village Cemetery.

The Board reviewed and discussed the revised highway budget with Highway Superintendent before sending it on to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendation.

The Cultural Council members: Mrs. Maureen Hosford, Louise Yohalem, Brain Mikesell, Owen Hoberman, Shelia Fitzpatrick, & Barbara Lowman appeared before the Board to award grants to the following: New Marlborough Village Association, Music & More, Meeting House Gallery, Sandisfield Art Center, Sculpture Now, Berkshire Bach, Slice & Dice Them, New Marlborough Quilt, Project Bee, Flying Cloud Art Institute, Youth Fund Grant, Meeting House Fund Committee, Undermountain Elementary School, New Marlborough Library & Berkshire Children's Chorus.

Peter Scala, Fire Chief, appeared before the Board to inquire as to the status of the organizational policy for the New Marlborough Fire and Rescue Department. The Board advised that it was signed and forwarded late last week...

It was noted that a 90 day reviewed had been conducted earlier this month for David Colucci of the Highway Department and formal action was needed by the Board. A motion was made, seconded award permanent status to Mr. Colucci and to authorize the Treasurer to pay back wages for any differential pay due Mr. Colucci for regular, holiday, and/or overtime wages.

In response to a question on the status of Hatchery Road the Board advised that it is still in the permitting stages.

The Board announced that under the advice of the Highway Superintendent the New Marlborough Monterey Road is closed due to part of the road experiencing cave-ins because of severe undermining.

Scott Farrell, Police Chief, appeared before the Board to review and discuss his recent changes to the FY12 Police Department budget. He advised that he would like to submit for a new cruiser and estimated the cost to be approximately \$35,000.00 in addition to the increase in salaries to accommodate an increase in police coverage by having a regular part-time police officer. The Board advised that he submit his requests to the Finance Committee for their review at next week's meeting.

Being that there was no further business to be brought before the Board a motion was made, seconded and so voted to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Skorput
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